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SUPPLEMENT TO APPEAL BRIEF

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Sir:

Appellant hereby submits a clarification related to the Appeal Brief concerning the claims on appeal.

Claims 1-24 and 26-32 are pending. In the Status of Claims section, the claims being appealed are identified as claims 1-24 and 26-32. Since the Brief relies on the patentability of claims 1, 11, 12, 13, 30, and 31 as the basis for allowability of all of claims 1-24 and 26-32, the Grounds of Rejection to be Reviewed section only refers to

claims 1, 11, 12, 13, 30, and 31. Despite the fact that no specific arguments directed to claims 2-10, 14-24, 26-29, or 32 were presented, Appellant reaffirms its intent that all of claims 1-24 and 26-32 are being appealed. Claims 2-10, 14-24, 26-29, and 32 are patentable because they all depend from a claim for which a specific argument for reversal has been provided. Appellant had no intention to withdraw any claims from the appeal or to provide any such implication. As stated in the Conclusion, the final rejection has failed to establish anticipation or a case of *prima facie* obviousness with respect to any of the pending claims. Based on the arguments presented in the Brief, the rejection of all of claims 1-24 and 26-32 should be reversed.

Respectfully submitted,

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